

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 20 City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, June 12, 2014, 6:45 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MICHAEL A. SOLOMON**

CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILMAN APONTE,
COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON,
COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS,
COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 11.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE,
COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN ZURIER – 4.**

**ALSO PRESENT: LORI L. HAGEN, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, TINA
MASTROIANNI, ASSISTANT CLERK AND ADRIENNE SOUTHGATE, DEPUTY
CITY SOLICITOR**

IN CITY COUNCIL

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APPROVED:

Lori L. Hagen **CLERK**

ACTING

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI**.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL SOLOMON

Request filed with the Second Deputy City Clerk on June 10, 2014, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be Called on the 12th day of June, 2014 at 6:45 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the Second Deputy City Clerk to David Tassoni, City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 12th day of June, 2014 at 6:45 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Warrant.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON (BY REQUEST)

Resolution Requesting that the following ballot question be submitted to the Rhode Island Secretary of State to appear on the November 2014 ballot:

Shall the Ordinance Establishing a Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollar Minimum Wage for Hotel Workers pass?

COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Amend the Resolution's last sentence to insert Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN JENNINGS**.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN APONTE Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I have not been more disappointed in the actions of the General Assembly then I am today. When it became evident to them several years ago that they had some financial difficulties with their budgets the first thing that they did was cut aid to cities and towns and they told us figure it out. We have to make some cuts, you have to make some cuts. When they cut revenue sharing to cities and towns about \$9 million dollars to us they did poke us, figure it out. When they went back on their commitment to cut the car tax that cost this city \$28 million dollars what did they tell us? Figure it out. I would submit to you that the cities and towns of our state have been figuring it out for a while and when a proposal that benefits and provides something that we hear in the Chamber often predictability to some families in our city because every developer that has come through here and asked for a Tax Treaty or a Tax Stabilization or any other incentive what are one of the things that they tell you? Councilman we need predictability. Let me tell you families in my ward, people that work in the hotels here in Downtown cleaning sixteen to seventeen rooms a day, they could use a little predictability to. What the General Assembly did was to deny the citizens of the City of Providence to make or to capitalize in the investments that they have made because those hotels that have received very generous Tax Stabilizations were subsidized by the taxes of the citizens of this city, whom all of us took an oath to represent. So, I'm really disappointed and I think that what is before us is not what I would have wanted to see, but I think that we need to move it forward and pass this today because every time, and I've been on this Council now almost sixteen years, every time the state has a problem it is the cities and towns that feel the result. It is the cities and towns that are called upon to do more with less. We've spent far too long and invested far too much trying to make Providence an attractive city for business, trying to create an environment that is productive for business. I only have one question. When will we take the same approach and make the same effort to ensure that we create a climate where families can grow and prosper and benefit from those investments that we make. So, with

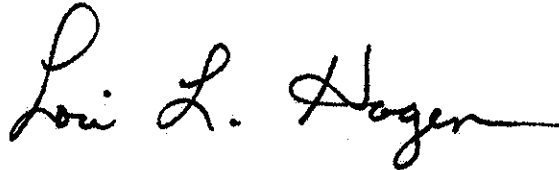
that said, Mr. President, I support this and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you."

COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves Passage of the Resolution, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	PASSED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
SECONDER:	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
AYES:	Solomon, Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Yurdin – 11.
ABSENT:	Narducci, Salvatore, Sanchez, Zurier – 4.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN JENNINGS**, it is voted to adjourn at 6:10 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**



LORI L. HAGEN
SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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